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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 7120

E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. SINCE SENDING REFTEL EMBOFFS HAVE RAISED DEUTSCH CASE WITH PRESIDENTAL STAFF ASSISTANT RICARDO YOFRE, COORDINATOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY CAPTAIN NELSO CASTRO, AND DEPUTY NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS CHIEF COSTA BONORINO. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT U.S. CONCERN FOR THE DEUTSCH FAMILY HAS BEEN REGISTERED AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. CASTRO TOLD US THAT ON THIS HIS LAST DAY IN THE OFFICE (9/22) BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOREIGN MINISTER MONTES HAD ASKED FOR AND BEEN GIVEN A FULL BRIEFING ON THE AFFAIR.

2. CASTRO WENT ON TO SAY THAT CHARGES BEING PROCESSED AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE DEUTSCH FAMILY DERIVE FROM SON DANIEL'S AND DAUGHTER LILIANA'S ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP IN THE "PARTIDO COMUNISTA REVOLUCIONARIO," A POLITICAL ACTION GROUP PROSCRIBED BECAUSE OF ITS ESPOUSAL OF TERRORISM. DANIEL DEUTSCH, WHO FLED CORDOBA TO AVOID APPREHENSION (CASTRO DESCRIBED HIM AS A FUGITIVE), IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN A
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LEADER OF THE ORGANIZATION IN THAT CITY. LILIANA IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S PROPAGANDA AND RECRUITMENT WHILE A STUDENT AT CORDOBA'S "COLEGIO MANUEL BELGRANO." HE SAID THAT THERE IS NO INFORMATION LINKING OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DEUTSCH FAMILY WITH THE PARTY ORGANIZATION, BUT THAT THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN AWARE OF DANIEL AND LILIANA'S SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY

AND APPEAR TO HAVE CONDONED IT.

3. CASTRO PROFESSED NOT TO HAVE BEEN AWARE OF ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE AND ROBBERY COMMITTED IN THE DEUTSCH HOUSE. HE WAS IMPRECISE REGARDING THE DATE OF THE FAMILY'S ARREST, THINKING IT HAD TAKEN PLACE JUST PRIOR TO THE ARMY'S SEPT 6 ANNOUNCEMENT, RATHER THAN TWELVE DAYS EARLIER.

4. EMBOFF DESCRIBED CONCERN OVER ALEJANDRO DEUTSCH'S HEALTH PROBLEM AND CASTRO TOOK NOTE AND SAID MINISTRY IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH AUTHORITIES HOLDING DEUTSCH.

5. CASTRO DESCRIBED LEGAL STATUS OF CASE AS THAT OF INITIAL INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHAT IF ANY CHARGES WILL BE PRESSED AND WHETHER RESULTING CHARGES ARE APPROPRIATE TO CIVILIAN OR MILITARY COURT. HE GAVE ROOM FOR GUARDED OPTIMISM CONCERNING THE ELDER DEUTSCH FAMILY MEMBERS AND THE TWO OTHER DAUGHTERS, BUT LILIANA'S CASE APPEARS EXTREMELY SERIOUS.

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